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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Undertone steady to barely steady on 16-24 lb. toms, hens steady to fully steady with some unsettledness noted for November holiday needs. Demand light to fair with no trading reported. Fresh offerings for November holiday needs short to light on hens, toms short to fully adequate mostly light with product the most available in the Midwest and West. Frozen offerings light to instances ample on hens with spot availability noted on 12 lb. and heavier sizes, frozen 16-24 lb. toms adequate to burdensome mostly adequate. Trade sentiment improved in some parts of the country on frozen tom breast meat in hopes the market has found a floor due to the increased activity. Bulk parts demand fair to good on drums and full-cut wings, fair on 2-joint wings and necks light to fair best.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and offerings of frozen thigh meat uneven with some buyers preferring certain brands over others. Trading light.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 26, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-83	80-83	81.51	232.4	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-79	79	79.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-76	73.5	73.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	74	74.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS						
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-76	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 OCTOBER 1999 .

White meat undertone barely steady at best with breast meat and tenderloins weakest. Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts firm, full-cut wings and drums fully steady to firm, 2-joint wings steady to firm with hens strongest, necks and tails generally steady. Demand fair to good on drums and full-cut wings, necks and 2-joint wings light to fair. Tom breast meat demand light to fair with some sellers trying to resist the lower buyer bids on the readily available offerings. Offerings of mechanically separated turkey short to adequate with decreased market confidence noted by some. Mechanically defatted gizzards 71 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	105.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.10	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	68.00		68.00	40
NECKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		18.41	126
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	142.00		142.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	146.00-148.00		147.43	280
THIGH MEAT	61.00		61.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	64.46	52
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	105.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		M	71.60	100
TENDERLOINS	150.00		150.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	54.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00		62.00	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97-102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	85-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-87

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 OCTOBER 1999.

Demand and trading improved on frozen tom breast meat with a heavy volume noted for November, 1999 - January, 2000. Fresh tom breast meat inquiry showing signs of improvement with increased open priced trading noted for October-November shipments. The increased breast meat activity is causing some sellers to express more confidence in the market in hopes that it has found a floor. Export demand uneven on frozen thigh meat with some buyers preferring certain brands. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (part load) 150 cents delivered. For export: ground thigh trim (7 loads) 18 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	105.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	26.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	25.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH			28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		29.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00			
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.10	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	68.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	18.41	126
NECKS, HEN		T	18.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00		140.00	960
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	147.43	280
THIGH MEAT		T	61.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00		64.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	105.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	70.00		70.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	150.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	132.00		132.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	54.00		54.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.50	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	25.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	12.00		12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-65.00		62.00	120

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA				W/E 10/27/99
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD				ACCUMULATED
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL	
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS	
1999-2000	6,759	81,691	82,041	
1998-1999	35,668	152,981	153,331	

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